

Friends of the Salem Library - October 12 ,2014 - Minutes

The October 12, 2014, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Charlie Draper.

Eleven members attended the meeting.

The minutes from the July meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report included an ending cash balance of \$32,551.87 divided among checking, savings, and CDs. The book sale made slightly over \$6,900.00 with \$60.11 in expenses.

Ken Sosnowski reported on the book sale. He provided a handout and highlighted a number of points. He thanked members for their work on sale prep and during the sale. Volunteer hours totaled 763. He also thanked staff members, especially Carol Glosch for suggesting we put the children's tables in the main library and Cheryl Spence for her display work. We are grateful to Helen Robertson for arranging for book storage through Luke Waldrop. St. Elizabeth's took our remaining books and made \$965.00 at their sale. Because of a scheduling conflict we were not able to use boy scouts to help transport books. We will work on this idea again. Other points to work on include improved publicity, selling some hardbacks all year, and having a preview sale.

Helen Robertson gave a report from the nominating committee. The current officers have agreed to run again. The slate will appear on the January meeting notice and the election will be held at that meeting. Directors now serve for three years so there will not be an election for the board of directors.

The president announced that Gail Evans has been appointed to replace Bob Paine on the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorials for Bob and Alice Paine has been postponed pending more information.

In July we had discussed the fact that one book drop is rusting. A replacement with a lifetime warranty and including a cart should be available for \$5500.00. Bob McClannahan moved we appropriate up to \$5700.00 for the book drop and cart. The motion was seconded and passed.

The books in the display case that did not sell will be offered on EBay.

There were questions related to the use of credit cards for money that goes to the Friends. Ann Tripp will check on this issue with the city.

The Friends received thank yous for donated books from the VA and the Roanoke County/SALEM Jail.

NEW BUSINESS

Leisa Thompson told us about Tellabration which is a national story telling celebration. The local event will be at the Salem Library on November 22, 2014. If we help fund the lunch for the event the Friends will receive 50% of the workshop fees. Ken Sosnowski moved we allot up to \$300.00 as requested. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ann Tripp made 2 suggestions for ads for the Friends. Ken will work with Ann for free publicity in the Salem Magazine. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to appropriate up to \$400.00 for the second opportunity if Ken and Ann decide it is worthwhile.

We discussed a wireless microphone system which could work with an existing amplifier and ceiling speakers. The system would be very helpful for our meetings and of use to the library too. Ken Sosnowski moved we appropriate up to \$350.00 for the 2 mikes with at least one a lapel mike. The motion was seconded and passed. Ann and Charlie Draper will look into our options.

Ann Tripp mentioned some upcoming activities including Roanoke Reads, computer class offerings, and a float for the Christmas parade. Ken Sosnowski moved and Gail Evans seconded we allot up to \$299.00 to help with float expenses. The motion passed.

The next news letter will come out in late January.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary